



## Shelters are Struggling

Each year, up to 6 million cats and dogs are placed in the care of overwhelmed shelters throughout the United States. Shelters are primarily dependent on voluntary donations and don't have the cleaning and food supplies necessary to take care of incoming strays.



## Over 1 Million will Die

Many shelters are forced to put down animals because of their limited capacity to take in and care for strays. In fact, each year, more than a million strays are euthanized by overburdened shelters across the United States.

### A National Animal Rescue Day resolution will:

1

Encourage the support of animal shelters throughout the country with donations of funding and essential supplies.

2

Promote animal adoption nationwide by telling the stories about mistreated animals and successful rescues.

3

Reduce the need and use of euthanasia.

4

Help reduce the number of abandoned and stray animals.

## How We Can Help



We can have the greatest positive impact by resolving to encourage a mass campaign of adopting stray cats and dogs in need of permanent, stable homes.



# National Animal Rescue Day

*First Saturday in October*

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Endorsing and supporting initiatives like Animal Rescue Day encourages nationwide participation in activities that will enrich the lives of stray cats and dogs, as well as the families and households that adopt them.





**FULL TEXT**



## **H.Res. 776 - Expressing support for the designation of the first Saturday in October as “National Animal Rescue Day”**

Expressing support for designation of the first Saturday in October as “National Animal Rescue Day” to create awareness of the importance of adoption, educate on the importance of spaying and neutering animals, and encourage animal adoptions throughout the United States.

Whereas up to 6,000,000 cats and dogs are placed into shelters every year and between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 are euthanized;

Whereas there are between 3,000 to 4,000 animal shelters throughout the United States in need of medical supplies, blankets, towels, cleaning supplies, food, and educational materials about owning a pet;

Whereas increased knowledge and awareness of animal rescue programs the United States will significantly reduce the number of cats and dogs euthanized and reduce the number of animals returned to a shelter who have been rescued;

Whereas loving families welcome pets to their new “forever home” every day, but more adoption is needed;

Whereas lowering the number of animals in need of rescue, by spaying and neutering, can help alleviate the overcrowding of our nation’s shelters;

Whereas years of animal abandonment has left thousands of homeless pets in overpopulated shelters and rescues;

Whereas a “National Animal Rescue Day” would encourage the rescue of animals like Winslow, a Basset Hound who spent his first eight months of life starved and confined in a cage so small that his rear legs were unable to fully develop and then was placed in multiple shelters before being adopted into a loving home; and

Whereas the first Saturday in October would be an appropriate day to designate as “National Animal Rescue Day” to be celebrated through adoption events, festivals and charitable giving which will increase revenues for shelters and pet adoptions: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives supports the designation of a “National Animal Rescue Day” to create awareness for animal rescue programs throughout the year and address the challenge of overpopulation through continued spaying and neutering.